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§ 1000. Purpose

These regulations specify the procedures by which the Office of Administrative Hearings conducts matters before it. Parties should also refer to the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code sections 11370 through; 11529) and/or other laws which apply to their <u>easeCase</u>. When a statute is in conflict with or inconsistent with these regulations, the statute shall take precedence.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11370-11529, Government Code.

§ 1002. Definitions

- (a) As used in these regulations, the following definitions apply:
 - (1) "ALJ" means an administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings.
 - (2) "Case" means the administrative action referred by an agency to OAH.
 - (2) (3) "Day" refers tomeans a calendar day, unless otherwise specified.
 - (3) (4) "Declaration" means a statement under penalty of perjury which that complies with Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5.
 - (4)(5) "Hearing" means the adjudicative hearing on the merits of the case Case.
 - (5)(6) "Motions" shall include all motions or applications for orders.
 - (6)(7) "OAH" means the Office of Administrative Hearings. <u>Unless otherwise specified</u>, "OAH" means the appropriate regional office to which the Case is assigned.
 - (7)(8) "Presiding Judge" means the Presiding Judge of the regional office of the Office of Administrative Hearings or his or her designee.
 - (8)(9) "Serve" or "Service" of papers means delivery of the document by the means specified in Regulation 1008 and as required by law.
- (b) These definitions are supplementary to those found in Government Code section 11500 and other applicable laws and regulations.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 11500, Government Code; and Section 2015.5, Code of Civil Procedure.

§ 1004. Construction of Regulations

- (a) All references in these regulations to specific laws are for informational purposes only and are not intended to be all inclusive.
- (b)(a) As used in these regulations, words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular, unless the context otherwise requires.
- (e)(b) Statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise specified.
- (d)(c) <u>In these regulations</u>, <u>Whenever whenever a time is stated</u>, in these regulations, within which an act is to be done, the time is computed by excluding the first Day and including the last Day. If the last Day is any day OAH is closed for business, that Day is also excluded.
- (e)(d) Time limits set forth in these regulations are not jurisdictional.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code.

§ 1006. Format and Filing of Papers

- (a) After a matter <u>Case</u> has been assigned to a regional office of OAH for Hearing, <u>all</u> papers filed pursuant to <u>these regulations</u>, any provision of law, <u>regulation</u>, or ALJ order <u>should shall</u> be filed at <u>the that</u> regional office within <u>the applicable</u> time limits <u>set by regulation or other provision of law</u>.
- (b) The first page of each paper filed should include the following:
 - (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the party filing the paper, including the State Bar number if the filer is filed by an attorney;
 - (2) A caption setting forth the title of the <u>proceedingCase</u>, including the names of the agency and the respondent;
 - (3) The agency case number;
 - (4) The OAH <u>case Case number</u>, if assigned;
 - (5) A brief title describing the paper filed;
 - (6) The name of the ALJ assigned to the case, if known; and
 - (7)(6) The dates of the Hearing and any future prehearing or settlement conferences, if known.
- (c) 8 1/2" x 11" stock paper of customary weight and quality is preferable. Papers should be filed on 8 1/2" x 11" stock paper of customary weight and quality, with two normal-sized holes punched at the top (centered 2 1/2 inches apart, and 5/8 inch from the top of the paper).
- (d) Papers should be typed or computer-printed. Type should be at least pica (10 characters per inch) or 12 point print. The color of the type should be blue-black or black.

- (e) In addition to a paper copy, the ALJ may request direct a party to submit pleadings or other papers on computer compatible diskette or by other electronic means if the party is able to do so.
- (f) A party wishing may obtain proof of the filing of a paper should submitty submitting either an extra copy of the paper or the first page only, with a self-addressed, return envelope, postage prepaid. The clerk will return the copy marked with the date of filing.
- (g) Papers may be filed with OAH by facsimile transmission. Unless required by the ALJ, the original paper need not be filed with OAH if the party obtains telephonic or other confirmation from OAH that a complete and legible copy of the papers was received.
- (h) <u>Papers delivered by the U.S. Postal Service are filed on the date received by OAH.</u> Papers <u>hand</u> delivered to OAH <u>or and complete papers received by OAH by facsimile transmission during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) will be filed on the <u>day date received.</u> Papers received <u>at times other thanafter regular business hours will be filed on the <u>date or the next regular business Dayday</u>. <u>Papers delivered by the U.S. Postal Service are filed on the date received by OAH.</u></u></u>

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11507.3, 11507.7, 11508(c), 11511, 11511.5, 11512(c) and 11524, Government Code.

§ 1008. Service; Proof of Service

- (a) Proof of Service of papers shall be made by a Declaration stating the title of the paper Served or filed, the name and address of the person making the Service, and that he or she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to the matter.
- (b) Service may be made by leaving the paper at the residence or business of the person named to be Served, with a person not less than 18 years of age. Where Service is made by this personal deliveryin this manner, the Declaration proof of service shall also state the date and place of delivery and the name of the person to whom the papers were handed. Where the person making the Service is unable to obtain the name of the person to whom the papers were handed, the person making the Service may substitute a physical description for the name.
- (c) Where Service is made by mail, the <u>Declaration proof of Service</u> shall show the date and place of deposit in the mail, the name and address of the person Served as shown on the mailing envelope and that the envelope was sealed and deposited in the mail with the postage fully prepaid.
- (d) Where Service is by facsimile the <u>Declaration-proof of Service</u> shall state the method of Service upon each party, the date and time sent and the facsimile number to which the document was sent.
- (e) The proof of Service Declaration—shall be signed by the person making it and contain the following statement above the signature:

"I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and this Declaration was executed at (city, state) on (date)-."

The name of the declarant shall be typed and signed below this statement.

(f) <u>Proof A proof</u> of Service made in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 1013a complies with this Regulation.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 11440.20, Government Code; and Section 1013a, Code of Civil Procedure.

§ 1012. *Ex Part*e <u>Petitions and Applications for Temporary or Interim Orders</u>

- (a) This regulation applies to any *ex parte* <u>petition or</u> application <u>made by</u> an agency <u>files with to</u> OAH for temporary relief or interim orders specifically authorized by statute or regulation.
- (b) Absent good cause, parties shall be given at least 24 hours notice of the specific relief sought and the date, time, and place of the ex parte proceeding. Notice may be given by telephone or facsimile transmission.
- (c) At the time of the *ex parte* appearance the <u>petitioner or applicant</u> shall submit a written Declaration stating the manner in which the notice was given.
- (d) If prior notice was not given, the <u>petitioner or applicant shall</u> submit a written Declaration stating the facts showing cause why the <u>requested order should be issued without noticenotice</u> under subdivision (b) could not be given or should not be required.
- (e) Ex parte petitions and applications shall be in writing and comply with Regulation 1006. The petition or application shall state the statutory authority for the temporary relief and include a proposed order.
- (f) Regulation 1022 does not apply to Ex parte petitions and applications filed under this regulation.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 494, Business and Professions Code; Sections 1550.5 and 1558, Health and Safety Code; and Section 11529, Government Code.

§ 1014. Pleadings; Notice of Defense; Withdrawal of Notice of Defense

- (a) When a party amends a pleading, the party shall Serve and file with the OAH and Serve on all other parties a complete, new pleading incorporating the amendments. The new pleading shall be titled a "First Amended" pleading, and subsequent amended pleadings shall be titled consecutively. If the amendments are made during the Hearing, the party shall identify, byuse highlighting or any other effective method, to identify the changes made to the pleading. The ALJ may allow exceptions for minor amendments during Hearing.
- (b) OAH prefers amended to supplemental pleadings. However, if a party issues a supplemental pleading, the party shall Serve and file with OAH and Serve on all other parties the

- supplemental pleading which shall be titled a "First Supplemental" pleading. Subsequent supplemental pleadings shall be titled consecutively.
- (c) A party withdrawing who withdraws a notice of defense, a request for Hearing or an asserted special defense shall immediately notify OAH and all other parties. If a party withdraws a notice of defense or request for Hearing, the agency shall decide whether to proceed with the Hearing as a default, withdraw the matter or take the matter off calendar and issue a default decision and order. The agency shall notify the appropriate regional office of OAH as soon as possible if the matter is to be withdrawn or taken off calendar.
- (d) When a party withdraws a notice of defense or a request for Hearing, the agency shall promptly notify OAH of the agency's decision either to proceed with the Hearing as a default or request that the scheduled Hearing be taken off calendar. An agency must file a written request to take the Hearing off calendar, which shall include the reasons for the request.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11505, 11506 and 11507, Government Code.

§ 1015. Notice of Representation and Withdrawal of Counsel or Other Representative

- (a) Any counsel or other representative who has assumed representation of a party after the agency has referred a Case to OAH shall give written notice to OAH and all other parties of his or her name, address, telephone and fax number (if any) and the name of the represented party, within a reasonable time after assuming representation.
- (b) Any counsel or other representative may withdraw as counsel or representative of record by giving written notice to OAH and all parties of the withdrawal. The written notice shall include the last known address of the formerly represented party.
- (c) Upon withdrawal by counsel or other representative:
 - (1) OAH retains jurisdiction over the Case.
 - (2) The formerly represented party bears the burden of keeping OAH and all other parties informed of a current address for purposes of Service. If notice of address is not given, any party may Serve the formerly represented party at the last known address.
 - (3) The formerly represented party is responsible for preparation and representation throughout the remainder of the Case, unless and until such party retains new counsel or other representative.
- (d) Withdrawal or change of counsel or other representative does not alone constitute grounds for continuance of any previously scheduled proceeding in the Case.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11505, 11506 and 11524, Government Code.

§ 1016. Consolidated Proceedings; Separate Hearings

- (a) A party who brings a Motion for consolidated proceedings or separate Hearings pursuant to section 11507.3 shall comply with Regulation 1022.
- (a)(b) Before an ALJ orders consolidated proceedings or separate Hearings pursuant to section 11507.3, the ALJ shall provide notice to all parties and allow a reasonable time for the parties to file with OAH and Serve on all other parties any objections in writingwritten opposition. Any oral argument permitted by the ALJ shall be on the record. Failure to file a timely opposition assert objections within the time allowed shall constitute a waiver of objection to the order of consolidation or severance.
- (b) A party who brings a Motion pursuant to section 11507.3 shall comply with Regulation 1022.
- (c) The parties may stipulate to consolidated proceedings or separate Hearings. In the event a stipulation is reached, the moving party shall file a written stipulation with OAH, signed by all parties, and with a signature line for the ALJ to order the consolidation. The ALJ has sole discretion to decide whether proceedings shall be consolidated or severed. If consolidation of two or more cases is ordered, all subsequent filings shall be under the OAH case number designated by the ALJ.
- (d) If OAH consolidates Cases for Hearing, the ALJ shall prepare a separate proposed decision for each agency pleading that was consolidated, unless the agency requests otherwise.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 11507.3, Government Code.

§ 1018. Agency Request for Hearing; Notice of HearingRequired Documents

- (a) An agency's request to OAH to set a Hearing date shall be in writing and contain the following information:
 - (1) The title of the proceeding <u>Case</u> including the identities of the agency and respondent(s);
 - (2) The agency case number and, if known, the OAH <u>case</u> number <u>assigned to the Case</u>;
 - (3) The names, addresses and phone numbers of all parties who must receive notice of the hearing and their representatives, if any;
 - (4) The time estimate for Hearing, taking into account the time for respondent's <u>easepresentation</u> of evidence;
 - (5) The dates the agency <u>and its counsel areis</u> unavailable for Hearing <u>over the next six months</u>; and the unavailable dates of all other parties for Hearing, if known;
 - (6) Preferred Hearing dates, but only if the agency includes at least three alternative preferred Hearing dates and the agency confirms in the request that all parties have agreed to the specific dates;

- (7) A reference to any Any statute or regulation (if other than section 11517(bc)) which specifies the time within which the Hearing shall be held or the proposed decision issued; and
- (7)(8) The city or county in which the Hearing will be held, pursuant to section 11508.
- (b) OAH may defer setting a matter for Hearing until the agency supplies all of the information set forth in subparagraph (a).
- (b)(c) The document used by the agency to request the Hearing date shall contain a space for OAH to insert the OAH ease-number assigned to the matterCase, and the date(s), time and location set for the Hearing. OAH shall transmit this information simultaneously to the agency, respondent(s), and each respondent's representative(s) of the respondent(s) as identified in the written request to set-document. The transmission of this information by OAH does not replace the notice of Hearing required by section 11509.
- (d) The agency shall file the following documents with OAH at the time it files the written request to set a Hearing date or as soon thereafter as the documents become available:
 - (1) accusation, statement of issues, statement of charges, suspension order, or other initial pleading, with proof of Service on all parties;
 - (2) notice of defense executed by respondent(s);
 - (3) notice of Hearing, with proof of Service on all parties.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11508 and 11509, Government Code.

§ 1019. Request for Security.

- (a) Any party or participant in a proceeding before OAH may request security for the proceeding.

 The request for security shall be made to the Presiding Judge as soon as the need for security is known.
- (b) The Presiding Judge or the ALJ presiding over the proceeding may determine on his or her own initiative that security is required.
- (c) To assure that appropriate safety measures are arranged, the person requesting security shall inform the Presiding Judge of the nature of the safety risk.
- (d) If the request for security is made without sufficient time for OAH to obtain appropriate security, the Presiding Judge has discretion to continue the proceeding.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Zaheri v New Motor Vehicle Board (1997) 55 Cal.App.4th 1305, 64 Cal.Rptr.2d 705.

§ 1020. Motion for Continuance of Hearing

- (a) Upon the filing of any pleading with OAH, the matter is assigned to the Presiding Judge until reassigned to another ALJ.
- (b) Motions to continue a Hearing shall be made in writing with a copy sent to all other parties.
- (c) Motions to continue a Hearing shall be directed to the Presiding Judge (or designee). The Presiding Judge (or designee) may assign consideration of the Motion to the ALJ assigned to hear the matter.
- (d) The Motion shall include the case name, OAH case number, the date, time and place of the Hearing of the matter sought to be continued, and the address and daytime telephone number of the moving party. The Motion shall list all previous Motions to continue the matter and their dispositions. The Motion shall include alternative dates preferred by the moving party, and whether or not the other parties agree.
- (e) The Motion shall state any statute or other law which requires the matter to be set within a certain period of time and whether the requirement is waived. No continuance may be granted absent a waiver from the appropriate parties.
- (f) The Motion shall state all facts which constitute good cause to continue the matter. If the Motion is untimely pursuant to section 11524(b) or other applicable statute, the Motion shall state the reason

Any party opposing the Motion shall file and Serve on all parties a statement of the opposition.

- (h) The Motion may include a proposed order granting the continuance. Any party may request a written order from OAH reflecting the disposition of the Motion.
- (i) The Presiding Judge (or designee) has discretion, in appropriate circumstances, to waive the requirement for a written Motion, written opposition, and/or any notice to other parties.
 - (a) A Case filed with OAH is assigned to the Presiding Judge until reassigned to another ALJ.
 - (b) A Motion to continue a Hearing shall be in writing, directed to the Presiding Judge, and Served on all other parties.
 - (c) Before filing the Motion, the moving party shall make reasonable efforts to confer with all other parties to determine whether any party opposes the Motion and to obtain future dates when all parties are unavailable for Hearing over the next six months and at least three alternative preferred future Hearing dates.
 - (d) The Motion shall include all facts which support a showing of good cause to continue the Hearing, as well as:
 - (1) the Case name, and OAH Case number;
 - (2) the date, time and place of the Hearing;
 - (3) the address and daytime telephone number of the moving party;
 - (4) the name, address and telephone number of all other parties;
 - (5) a list of all previous Motions to continue the Hearing and the dispositions thereof;

- (6) whether or not any party opposes the Motion;
- (7) any future dates when the parties are unavailable for Hearing over the next six months and any preferred future Hearing dates obtained pursuant to paragraph (c);
- (8) if the moving party has not included the information required pursuant to paragraphs (6) and (7), the reasons why it is not included;
- (9) a reference to any legal or other requirement to set the Hearing within a certain period of time, and whether or not the parties have waived the requirement.
- (e) If the Motion is not timely pursuant to section 11524(b) or other applicable law, the Motion shall include all facts justifying the lack of timeliness.
- (f) The Motion may include a proposed order granting the continuance.
- (g) Any party may request a written order from OAH reflecting the disposition of the Motion.
- (h) Any party opposing the Motion shall file with OAH and Serve on all other parties a written opposition.
- (i) The Presiding Judge may waive any requirement of this regulation, including but not limited to the requirement for a written Motion, written opposition, and/or any notice to other parties.
- (j) Regulation 1022 does not apply to Motions for continuance filed under this regulation.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 11524, Government Code. *Arnett v Office of Administrative Hearings*, 49; Cal. App. 4th 332 (1996).

§ 1022. Motions

- (a) A Motion to continue a case pursuant to section 11524 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 1020.
- (b) A Motion shall be made with written notice to all parties, unless the Motion is made during a Hearing while on the record, or unless a specific statute or regulation permits an ex parte application, in which case the moving party shall give all other parties 24 hour notice in accordance with Regulation 1012. No Motion shall be made without an attached proof of Service of the Motion upon all parties, unless made during a Hearing while on the record.
- (c) Where a prehearing conference has been or will be scheduled in the matter, all Motions shall be filed in accordance with the Regulation 1026 requirements for filing Motions at the prehearing conference and shall be heard at the prehearing conference, unless the ALJ determines otherwise.
- (d) Any Motion made pursuant to this Regulation shall be made to the ALJ assigned to hear the case or to the Presiding Judge.
- (e) No special form of Motion is required. Motions and any response thereto should conform to the requirements of Regulation 1006. The Motion shall state in plain language the relief sought and

- the facts and circumstances the moving party contends support the Motion and shall be supported by a recitation of legal authority.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided by statute or regulation, or as ordered by the ALJ, a Motion shall be made and filed at least 15 Days before the date set for the commencement of the Hearing, and any response to the Motion shall be filed and Served no later than 3 Days before the date the Motion is scheduled to be heard or as ordered by the ALJ.
- (g) OAH shall set the time and place for the hearing of the Motion. The hearing shall occur as soon as practicable.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided by statute or regulation, a Motion filed pursuant to this Regulation may be decided without oral argument. Any party may request oral argument at the time of the filing of the Motion or response. If the ALJ orders oral argument, the party requesting oral argument, or any party directed to do so by the ALJ, shall Serve written notice on all parties of the date, time and place of the oral argument. Oral argument may be made by telephone conference call, video conference, or any other electronic means, in compliance with section 11440.30 and Regulation 1030. The ALJ may order that the proceedings be reported.
- (i) The ALJ shall issue a written order deciding any Motion, unless the Motion is made during the course of a Hearing while on the record. The ALJ may request the prevailing party to prepare a proposed order.
- (j) A request for a settlement conference or a prehearing conference does not constitute a Motion within the meaning of this Regulation.
- (a) All Motions made prior to the Hearing shall be directed to the Presiding Judge. Thereafter, Motions shall be directed to the ALJ assigned to the Hearing.
- (b) A Motion shall be made with written notice to all parties, unless the Motion is made during a Hearing while on the record. If a specific statute or regulation permits an *ex parte* petition or application, the moving party shall give all other parties 24-hour notice in accordance with Regulation 1012. Every written Motion shall be filed with an attached proof of Service showing that all parties have been Served with the Motion.
- (c) If a prehearing conference has been scheduled, all Motions to be heard at the prehearing conference shall be filed in accordance with Regulation 1026(b), unless the Presiding Judge determines otherwise.
- (d) Motions and any response thereto shall conform to the requirements of Regulation 1006. The Motion shall state in plain language the relief sought and the facts, circumstances, and legal authority that support the Motion.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided by statute or regulation, or as ordered by the Presiding Judge, a Motion shall be filed and Served at least 15 Days before the date set for the commencement of the Hearing, and any response to the Motion shall be filed and Served no later than 3 Days before the date the Motion is scheduled to be heard.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided by statute or regulation, or as ordered by the Presiding Judge, a Motion shall be decided without oral argument. A party may request oral argument at the time of filing the Motion or response.
- (g) If the Presiding Judge orders oral argument, OAH shall set the date, time and place. The

Presiding Judge may direct a party to Serve written notice on all other parties of the date, time, and place of the oral argument. Oral argument may be made by telephone conference call, video conference, or any other electronic means, in compliance with section 11440.30 and Regulation 1030.

- (h) The Presiding Judge has discretion to decide whether oral argument shall be stenographically reported upon the request of any party or on his or her own motion.
- (i) The ruling on any Motion shall be made by written order, unless the Motion and ruling are made during the course of a Hearing while on the record. The ALJ may direct the prevailing party to prepare the order.
- (j) This regulation does not apply to a Motion to continue a Hearing pursuant to section 11524 and Regulation 1020. Requests for an *Ex Parte* Petitions and Applications for Temporary or Interim Orders shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 1012, and do not constitute a Motion within the meaning of this regulation. A request for a settlement conference or a prehearing conference does not constitute a Motion within the meaning of this regulation.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11440.30, 11507.3, 11507.7, 11508(c), 11511 and 11524, Government Code.

§ 1024. Subpoenas; Motion for a Protective Order

- (a) Subpoena forms (OAH-1 (rev. 3/1988) and OAH-2 (rev. 11/1995) are available from OAH. The agency may also issue subpoenas on its own form. Subpoena forms shall comply with Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1985.4. Subpoenas may also be issued pursuant to section 11450.20(a).
- (b) A Motion pursuant to section 11450.30 for a protective order, including a Motion to quash, relating to a subpoena shall be made in compliance with Regulations 1006 and 1022. The Motion shall be made within a reasonable period after receipt of the subpoena. The person bringing the Motion shall Serve copies of the Motion on all parties and persons who are required by law to receive notice of the subpoena.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 1985-1985.4, Code of Civil Procedure; and Sections 11450.05, 11450.20, 11450.50 and 11450.30, Government, Code.

§ 1026. Prehearing Conferences

(a) After a Case is assigned to OAH, any party may file with OAH and Serve on all parties a request for a prehearing conference. A request for a prehearing conference shall be directed to the Presiding Judge and state the reasons for the conference. If the request is granted, OAH shall set the date and time for the conference. Regulation 1022 does not apply to a request for a prehearing conference. Pursuant to section 11511.5(a), an ALJ may require a prehearing

- conference upon his or her own order or the request of any party. A request for a prehearing conference should be addressed to the Presiding Judge, may be oral or in writing, and shall state the reasons for the prehearing conference.
- (b) All-Motions to be heard at the prehearing conference shall be filed with OAH no later than 15 Days before the prehearing conference and shall otherwise comply with Regulation 1022. Any response to Motions shall be filed with OAH no later than 3 Days business days prior to the prehearing conference. The ALJ may, in his or her discretion, allow oral Motions during the prehearing conference.
- (c) Requests for continuance of A request to continue the date of the prehearing conference shall be addressed directed to the Presiding Judge. After commencement of the prehearing conference However, the assigned ALJ assigned to the prehearing conference may, at the conclusion of the conference, may continue it to any other convenient date or time prior to the Hearing date set for Hearing.
- (d) At least 5 business Days 3 business days before a prehearing conference, each party shall file with OAH and Serve on all other parties a prehearing conference statement which shall containing the following information:
 - (1) Identification of all operative pleadings by title and date signed-;
 - (2) The party's current estimate of time necessary to try the caseCase.;
 - (3) The name of each witness the party may call at the Hearing along with a brief statement of the subject matter of the witness's expected testimony.
 - (4) The identity of any witness whose testimony will be presented by affidavit pursuant to section 11514, if known.;
 - (5) The name and address of each expert witness the party intends to call at the Hearing along with a brief statement of the opinion the expert is expected to give. The party shall also attach and a copy of a the expert's current resume for each expert witness.
 - (6) Whether there is The need for an interpreter or special accommodation at the Hearing.;
 - (7) A list of the documentary exhibits the party intends to present at the Hearing and a description of any physical or demonstrative evidence-; and
 - (8) A concise statement of any legal issues <u>or affirmative defenses that which</u> may affect the presentation of evidence or the disposition of the <u>easeCase</u>.
- (e) Exhibits need not be premarked or filed with the prehearing conference statements unless requested by the ALJ. Exhibits shall be exchanged between the parties at least 5 business Days 3 business days before the prehearing conference. On agreement of the parties, exhibits already produced in discovery do not need toneed not be exchanged.
- (f) The prehearing conference may be held by telephone or other electronic means pursuant to section 11511.5(c).
- (g) After the prehearing conference, the ALJ shall issue a prehearing <u>conference</u> order which incorporates the matters determined at the conference. This order may be issued orally if an accurate record <u>can beis</u> made. Agreements on the simplification of issues, amendments, stipulations, or other matters may be entered on the record or may be made the subject of a

- written order by the ALJ. If no matters were determined or dates set at the prehearing conference, a prehearing conference order is not required.
- (h) Upon request of a party, the prehearing <u>conference</u> order shall be in writing. The ALJ may request a party to prepare a proposed prehearing <u>conference</u> order.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11420.10, 11445.10, 11511.5 and 11514, Government Code.

§ 1027. Informal Hearings

An agency may file a written request directed to the Presiding Judge to set a Case for an informal hearing. The request shall explain how the circumstances are appropriate for an informal hearing procedure, pursuant to section 11445.10 et seq. The Presiding Judge may order the Case to proceed as an informal hearing. If the Case proceeds by informal hearing, the Presiding Judge or assigned ALJ shall advise the parties of the procedures to be applied pursuant to section 11445.40.

- (a) An agency may request a case to be heard as an informal hearing at the time the agency requests the matter to be set for Hearing. Such requests should be addressed to the Presiding Judge, who will decide if the case is so amenable. If the Presiding Judge decides that the case can be heard informally, pursuant to section 11445.10 et seq., the Presiding Judge will determine the limits on discovery, testimony, witnesses, evidence, arguments, and pleadings, and will advise the agency. The Presiding Judge will also determine whether or not a prehearing conference is required.
- (b) Parties may consent during a prehearing conference to adjudicate a matter by informal hearing rather than by formal hearing, if the use of an informal hearing would not violate any statutes, regulations, or the federal or state Constitution.
- (c) If any respondent objects to an informal hearing, the ALJ shall convert the matter to a formal hearing.
- (d) If, prior to or during the course of an informal hearing, the ALJ determines that the matter requires a formal hearing, the ALJ shall convert the hearing pursuant to section 11470.10 et seq.
- (e) If, prior to or during the course of a formal hearing, the ALJ and all parties agree and no party's rights are substantially prejudiced, the formal proceeding may be converted to an informal hearing pursuant to section 11470.10.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11445.10-11445.60 and 11470.10, Government Code.

§ 1028. Settlement Conferences; Settlements

- (a) This Regulation applies to settlement conferences scheduled at the request of a party or by order of the ALJ assigned to hear the case pursuant to section 11511.7(a).
- (b) At any time after a matter is assigned to OAH any party may file with OAH and Serve upon all parties a request for a settlement conference.
- (c) The discussions at the settlement conference shall not be disclosed to the ALJ assigned to hear the case, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.
- (d) The respondent and his/her representative and the agency's representative shall attend the settlement conference. Someone within the agency with authority to recommend approval of a settlement by the agency shall either attend the settlement conference or be available by telephone at the time set for and throughout the settlement conference.
- (e) The settlement ALJ, for good cause shown, may excuse the attendance or availability of any person whose attendance is required. The request shall be made to the settlement ALJ not less than 3 business Days before the date set for the settlement conference.
- (f) A telephone settlement conference may be arranged pursuant to section 11511.7(b).
- (g) Parties or their representatives shall be prepared to participate in settlement discussions. The parties' representatives who attend the conference shall be intimately familiar with the pertinent evidence.
- (h) The settlement ALJ may order the parties to bring to the conference the documents pertinent to settlement of the case for examination by the settlement ALJ. This may include reports, records, photographs, books, records, diagrams, maps, bills, contracts, and memoranda. If not ordered by the settlement ALJ, the parties are encouraged to bring these documents to the settlement conference for evaluation by the settlement ALJ.
- (i) The settlement ALJ may order the parties to bring a draft settlement proposal in an electronic format to be described in the order. If not otherwise ordered, the parties are encouraged to bring a draft settlement proposal on disk in DOS Text or other standard format.
- (j) The settlement ALJ may order the parties to submit a written settlement conference statement. This statement may be confidential if so marked and for the settlement ALJ only or may be Served on the parties. The statements should be submitted at least five business Days before the conference, unless otherwise ordered by the settlement ALJ. If not ordered by a settlement ALJ, the parties, at their discretion, may submit a written settlement conference statement to the settlement ALJ that complies with the foregoing requirements.
- (k) The settlement conference statement shall comply with Regulation 1006 and describe the case and the relevant legal and factual issues. The statement and supporting material shall be sufficiently detailed to enable the settlement ALJ to conduct a meaningful settlement conference.
- (l) The settlement conference statement and other settlement materials shall not be made a part of the OAH case file. They shall be maintained in the file in an envelope marked "Settlement Conference Materials" for reference in future efforts to settle the case. If efforts at settlement are unsuccessful or if the matter goes to Hearing, the envelope shall be removed from the file.

- (m) No particular structure of the settlement conference is required. The structure shall be tailored to the needs of the particular dispute.
- (n) If, at a settlement conference, a settlement has not been reached but the parties have reached an agreement on any facts or other issues, the settlement ALJ shall issue an order confirming and approving, if necessary, those matters agreed upon, or shall request a party to prepare the order, or shall place the agreement upon the record.
- (o) If, at a settlement conference, a settlement has been reached, the settlement ALJ shall request a party to prepare the settlement agreement and/or may place the agreement upon the record.
- (p) Requests for continuance of the date of the initial settlement conference shall be addressed to the Presiding Judge. However, the ALJ assigned to the settlement conference may, at the conclusion of the conference, continue it to any other convenient date or time prior to the date set for the Hearing.
- (q) Any final settlement, reached inside or outside the settlement conference, shall be set forth in a written stipulation, settlement agreement or consent order, or an oral agreement placed on the record.
- (r) The parties shall promptly notify the OAH calendar clerk of all settlements, stipulations, agency orders or any other action terminating a matter before OAH, regardless of how reached. A copy of the settlement, stipulation, agency order or any other paper terminating a matter before OAH, or the first page and signature pages thereof, at the discretion of the agency, shall be filed with OAH.
- (s) When notified of any final settlement, OAH will vacate any Hearing date and close its file in the matter.
- (a) After a Case is assigned to OAH, any party may file with OAH and Serve on all parties a request for a settlement conference. A request for a settlement conference shall be directed to the Presiding Judge. If the request is granted, OAH shall set the date and time for the conference.

 Regulation 1022 does not apply to a request for a settlement conference.
- (b) Each respondent and an agency representative shall appear in person at all settlement conferences. Each party or representative who attends the settlement conference shall be fully familiar with the facts and issues in the Case and shall have authority, or be able to obtain authority immediately by telephone, to negotiate settlement terms. An agency representative who is familiar with the case, and has authority to approve settlement terms, must be available to participate in the settlement conference in person or by telephone, subject to section 11511.7(a).
- (c) The Presiding Judge may excuse the attendance or participation of a party or representative upon a showing of good cause. A request to be excused shall be made not less than 3 business days before the date of the conference.
- (d) A Request to continue the settlement conference shall be addressed to the Presiding Judge.
- (e) The settlement conference ALJ may structure the conference to meet the needs of the particular dispute.
- (f) A party may file a written settlement conference statement with OAH that describes the factual and legal issues and the status of any previous settlement discussions in the Case. The statement

- may be Served on all other parties or it may be marked "confidential" and submitted only to the Presiding Judge or the settlement conference ALJ. The statement should be submitted at least 3 business days before the conference. The Presiding Judge or settlement conference ALJ may require a party to file a settlement conference statement.
- (g) A party should bring any pertinent documents and a draft of any settlement proposal on disk or in writing to the settlement conference.
- (h) The settlement conference statement, other settlement materials, and settlement discussions shall not be disclosed to the Hearing ALJ unless the parties agree otherwise.
- (i) Any settlement shall be included in a written stipulation, settlement agreement or consent order, or an oral agreement placed on the record.
- (j) The parties shall promptly notify the OAH calendar clerk of any resolution that terminates a Case before OAH. OAH will vacate all Hearing dates upon receipt of a written request and notice of final resolution of the Case from the agency. A copy shall be Served on all other parties. Notice of final resolution of a Case consists of written confirmation from the agency that all parties have signed a final written agreement resolving the Case (subject to approval by the agency head) or that the agency has taken any unilateral actions legally required to withdraw, dismiss, or otherwise resolve the Case. A copy of the signed settlement, stipulation, agency order or any other paperwork terminating a matter before OAH, or, at the discretion of the agency, the first page and signature pages thereof, shall be filed with OAH.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11415.60 and 11511.7, Government Code.

§ 1030. Conduct of Hearing by Telephone, Television or Other Electronic Means Conduct of Hearing; Protective Orders

- (a) Upon Motion of any party and a showing of good cause, or upon motion of the ALJ, and in the absence of any objection from any party, the ALJ may exercise discretion to conduct all or part of a Hearing by telephone, television, or other electronic means pursuant to section 11440.30.
- (b) The ALJ may direct the party who requests the alternative method for conduct of Hearing to make the necessary arrangements and be responsible for any associated costs.
- (a) A party seeking an order for closure or other protective order for all or part of a Hearing, including a request to seal the record, pursuant to section 11425.20 shall file a Motion showing good cause.
- (b) A party seeking to have all or part of a Hearing conducted by electronic means pursuant to section 11440.30 shall file a Motion showing good cause.
- (c) An ALJ, in his or her discretion, and with due consideration for the impact on witnesses, the Hearing process, and existing protective orders, may grant a request by a party or interested person to film, photograph, or record the Hearing. A record made pursuant to this section shall not be part of the official record.
- (d) If a party's Motion or request under subsections (a), (b), or (c) of this Regulation is granted, the

ALJ may direct the moving party to make the necessary arrangements and pay the related costs. (e) The ALJ may:

- (1) Exclude persons whose actions impede the orderly conduct of the Hearing;
- (2) Restrict attendance because of the physical limitations of the Hearing facility; or
- (3) Take other action to promote due process or the orderly conduct of the Hearing.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11425.20, and 11455.10, Government Code.

§ 1032. Interpreters and Accommodation

- (a) In proceedings where a party, a party's representative, or a party's expected witness requires an interpreter for any language, including sign language, that party shall be responsible for notifying OAH and the agency as soon as the requirement is known. The agency shall be responsible for securing the interpreter.
- (b) In proceedings where a party, a party's representative, or a party's expected witness has a disability requiring accommodation at the Hearing, that party shall be responsible for notifying OAH as soon as the requirement is known.
- (c) In proceedings where a party, a party's representative, or a party's expected witness is hearing impaired and requires electronic amplification equipment, that party shall be responsible for notifying OAH as soon as the requirement is known.
- (d) Where any other special accommodation is necessary for a party, a party's representative, or a party's expected witness, that party shall be responsible for notifying OAH as soon as the requirement is known.
- (e) Foreign language interpreters shall be certified by the State Personnel Board or by the courts. If a certified interpreter cannot be present at the Hearing, OAH, including the Hearing ALJ, shall have the discretion to provisionally qualify and use another interpreter.
- (f) Any interpreter who assists with the testimony or evidence at a Hearing shall first declare, by oath or affirmation, that he or she will perform his or her duties truthfully. A suggested model form for the oath or affirmation of an interpreter, based on the language of Evidence Code section 751, is as follows:
 - "Do you swear or affirm that you will make a true interpretation of the questions asked and the answers given and that you will make a true translation of any documents which require translation to the best of your skill and judgment?"
- (g) The cost of interpreter services shall be paid by the agency having jurisdiction over the matter, if the ALJ so directs. Otherwise, the party at whose request the interpreter was provided shall bear the cost. In determining who should pay the cost of the interpreter(s), the ALJ shall base the decision on an equitable consideration of all the circumstances in the case, including the ability of the party in need of the interpreter to pay the cost.
- (a) A party shall give timely notice to OAH and the agency when that party or the party's

representative or witness needs any of the following accommodations during a proceeding before OAH:

- (1) Language assistance, including sign language.
- (2) Accommodation for a disability.
- (3) Electronic amplification for hearing impairment.
- (4) Any other special accommodation.
- (b) Unless otherwise provided by contract, the agency shall provide the appropriate language assistance.
- (c) An interpreter at a Hearing or other proceeding shall be sworn by oath or affirmation to perform his or her duties truthfully. The oath or affirmation shall be in substantially the following form:
 - "Do you swear or affirm that, to the best of your skill and judgment, you will make a true interpretation of the questions asked and the answers given and that you will make a true translation of any documents which require translation?"
- (d) A party may ask the ALJ assigned to the Hearing to direct payment for the cost of interpreter services pursuant to section 11445.25.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 751, Evidence Code; and Sections 11435.05, 11435.10, 11435.55, and 11435.65, Government Code.

§ 1034. Peremptory Challenge

Pursuant to section 11425.40(d), a party is entitled to one disqualification without cause of an assigned ALJ (peremptory challenge) which will be granted in any OAH Hearing subject to the following:

- (a) A party is not entitled to a peremptory challenge in any proceeding relating to applications for temporary relief or interim orders.
- (b) The peremptory challenge shall be directed to the Presiding Judge (or designee) or the assigned ALJ.
- (c) The peremptory challenge shall be made by the party, attorney or authorized representative appearing in any proceeding by oral or written Declaration consistent with the requirement of paragraph (i), below.
- (d) Notice of a written challenge shall be Served on opposing parties.
- (e) If a prehearing conference is held, and an ALJ has been assigned to the Hearing, then any challenge to the assigned ALJ shall be made no later than, the commencement of the first prehearing conference where the Hearing ALJ is assigned.
- (f) If a prehearing conference is not held and the matter is set for Hearing at one of the four regional offices of OAH, and the Hearing ALJ is assigned at least 15 Days before the Hearing, the challenge shall be made to the Presiding Judge (or designee) not later than 5 business Days

- before the Hearing. If an ALJ is not assigned 15 Days in advance of the Hearing, then the challenge shall be made within a reasonable time after the ALJ is assigned to the Hearing. In no event shall any ALJ entertain the Motion if it is made after the commencement of Hearing.
- (g) If a prehearing conference is not held and the matter is set for Hearing at a site other than one of the four regional offices of OAH, and the Hearing ALJ is assigned at least 15 Days before the Hearing, the challenge shall be made to the Presiding Judge (or designee) not later than 5 business Days before the Hearing. If an ALJ is not assigned 15 Days in advance of the Hearing, then the challenge shall be made by 5 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the week in which the Hearing is to commence. Any challenge by any other party to a subsequently assigned ALJ shall be made by noon on Friday prior to the week in which the Hearing is to commence. In no event shall any ALJ entertain the challenge if it is made thereafter.
- (h) Assignments of ALJs may be ascertained by contacting the Presiding Judge or, in the case of Sacramento or Los Angeles, the chief calendar clerk (or designee).
- (i) Any Declaration filed pursuant to this regulation shall be in substantially the following form:
 - I, (name), declare: That I am a party (or attorney or authorized representative for a party) to the pending matter. That the Judge assigned to the Hearing is prejudiced against the party (or his or her attorney or authorized representative of record) or the interest of the party (or his or her attorney or authorized representative) so that the declarant cannot or believes that he or she cannot have a fair and impartial Hearing before the Judge. This Declaration is under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California and is signed (date) at (city and state).
- (j) Unless required for the convenience of OAH or unless good, cause is shown, a continuance of the Hearing shall not be granted by reason of the making of a challenge under this regulation. If a continuance is granted, the matter shall be continued to the first convenient day for OAH and shall be reassigned or transferred for Hearing as promptly as possible.
- (k) Nothing in this regulation shall affect or limit the provisions of a challenge for cause under sections 11425.40, 11430.60 and 11512(c).
- (a) Pursuant to section 11425.40(d), a party is entitled to one peremptory challenge (disqualification without cause) of an ALJ assigned to an OAH Hearing. A peremptory challenge is not allowed in proceedings involving petitions or applications for temporary relief or interim order or in a proceeding on reconsideration or remand; and shall not apply to panel members of a Commission on Professional Competence, other than the ALJ, in proceedings under Education Code section 44944. In no event will a peremptory challenge be allowed if it is made after the Hearing has commenced.
- (b) A peremptory challenge shall be:
 - (1) Directed to the Presiding Judge;
 - (2) Filed by a party, attorney or authorized representative;
 - (3) Made in writing or orally on the record in substantially the following form:

 "I am a party to [CASENAME] and am exercising my right to a peremptory challenge regarding ALJ [NAME], pursuant to Regulation 1034 and Government Code section 11425.50(d)";
 - (4) Served on all parties if made in writing; and

- (5) Filed in compliance with the time requirements of subsections (c), (d), and (e).
- (c) If, at the time of a scheduled prehearing conference, an ALJ has been assigned to the Hearing, any challenge to the assigned ALJ shall be made no later than commencement of that prehearing conference.
- (d) Except as provided in (c), if the Hearing is to be held at an OAH regional office, the peremptory challenge of the assigned ALJ shall be made no later than 2 business days before the Hearing.
- (e) Except as provided in (c), if the Hearing is to be held at a site other than an OAH regional office, the peremptory challenge of the assigned ALJ shall be made by noon on Friday prior to the week in which the Hearing is to commence.
- (f) A party may contact OAH to determine the name of the ALJ assigned to the Hearing.
- (g) A Hearing shall not be continued by reason of a peremptory challenge unless a continuance is required for the convenience of OAH. If continued, the Hearing shall be rescheduled to the first convenient date for OAH.
- (h) Nothing in this regulation shall affect or limit the provisions of a challenge for cause under sections 11425.40, 11430.60 and 11512(c) or any other applicable provisions of law.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11425.40, 11430.60 and 11512(c), Government Code.

§ 1036. Conduct of Proceedings; Sealing the Record

- (a) Hearings shall be open to public observation unless otherwise provided by law, regulation, or on order of an ALJ for good cause shown. The ALJ has discretion to decide whether conferences and informal discussions necessary to facilitate the orderly and expeditious conduct of the case will be conducted in closed session and/or be recorded.
- (b) On request of a party or the ALJ, a protective order pursuant to section 11425.20(a) may be issued to seal all or a portion or the record. In issuing an order, consideration should be given to all affected material, including any evidence, the stenographic notes, audiotapes or transcript, if prepared, to properly preserve the record for purposes of review.
- (c) Any party or interested person may request that the Hearing be filmed, photographed or recorded. Consideration will be given to the impact on witnesses, the presentation of evidence and the Hearing process, and the matters in Regulation 1038, subdivisions (i), (j), and (k).
- (k) The ALJ may:
 - (1) Exclude persons whose conduct impedes the orderly conduct of the Hearing;
 - (2) Restrict attendance because of the physical limitations of the Hearing facility; or
 - (3) Take other action to promote due process or the orderly conduct of the Hearing.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11425.20 and 11455.10, Government Code.

§ 1038. Ordering the Record.

- (a) Any person may request a copy of all or a portion of the record, subject to any protective orders or provisions of law prohibiting disclosure. The complete record includes the pleadings, all notices and orders issued by the agency, any proposed decision by an ALJ, the final decision, a transcript of all proceedings, all exhibits whether admitted or rejected, the written evidence and any other papers in the Case, except as provided by law.
- (b) Except as provided in (e), no portion of the record will be prepared until the requesting person has paid a deposit equal to the estimated cost of preparation. The deposit will be applied to the actual cost and any excess will be returned to the person who submitted it. The record will not be released until the person ordering the record has paid any balance due for the actual cost of preparing the record.
- (c) If OAH has contracted forprovided the stenographic reporting reporter or tape recorder recording of for the proceeding, a person may contact the OAH transcript coordinator clerk to order and pay for preparation of all or a portion of the complete recordtranscript in the Case. If the agency for whom OAH has conducted the proceeding has contracted for the stenographic reporting or tape recording, a person seeking to order all or a portion of the transcript or a copy of the tape must contact the agency directly.
- (a)(d) Any person may contact the OAH transcript clerks or the agency to order and pay for copying of any other portions of the record in a Case, except as provided in (c). Except as provided in (d), OAH will not arrange for all or any portion of the record to be prepared until the requesting person has paid a deposit equal to the estimated cost of preparation. The deposit will be applied to the actual cost and any excess will be returned to the person who submitted it. The record will not be released until the person ordering the record has paid any balance due for the actual cost of preparing the record.
- (b)The complete record includes the pleadings, all notices and orders issued by the agency, any proposed decision by an ALJ, the final decision, a transcript of all proceedings, all exhibits whether admitted or rejected, the written evidence and any other papers in the Case, except as provided by law.
- (c) Any person may request a copy of all or a portion of the record, subject to any protective orders or provisions of law prohibiting disclosure.
- (e) If the official record of the Hearing or other proceeding was made by audio tape, copies of the audio tape(s) are available upon written request to the OAH transcript clerk and payment of the costs of duplication, except as provided in (c). Copies of audio tapes and transcripts made from the copies are not part of the official record.
- (d)(f) A party seeking a waiver of fees and costs to prepare the record for the purpose of judicial review under Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5 who has been declared *in forma pauperis* (Government Code section 68511.3) shall submit a valid order issued by the Superior Court.
- (e)If the official record of the Hearing or other proceeding was made by audio tape, copies of the audio tape(s) are available upon written request to the OAH transcript clerk and payment of the costs of duplication. Copies of audio tapes and transcripts made from the copies are not part of

the official record

(f)This regulation does not apply if the agency for whom OAH has conducted the proceeding has provided the stenographic reporter or tape recorder. In those proceedings, a person seeking to order all or a portion of the record must directly contact the agency.

AUTHORITY:

Note Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 1094.5, Code of Civil Procedure; Section 11512 and 11523, Government Code; and Section 985, California Rules of Court.

§ 1040. Enforcement of Orders; Monetary Sanctions

- (a) The ALJ may order a party, a party's representative or both, to pay reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by another party as a result of bad faith actions or tactics that are frivolous or solely intended to cause unnecessary delay.
 - (1) "Actions or tactics" include, but are not limited to, the making or opposing of Motions; and the failure to comply with a lawful order of the ALJ.
 - (2) "Frivolous" means
 - (A) totally and completely without merit or
 - (B) for the sole purpose of harassing an opposing party.
- (b) Before imposing sanctions against a party, the The ALJ shall not impose sanctions without providing provide that party notice and an opportunity to be heard. At the discretion of the ALJ, the notice and opportunity to be heard may occur at the time the issue of sanctions is raised or at a later time.
- (c) The ALJ shall determine the reasonable expenses based upon testimony under oath or a Declaration setting forth specific expenses incurred as a result of the bad faith conduct. An order for sanctions may be madeoral on the record or in writing, setting and shall set forth the factual findings which are the basis for the imposition of sanctions on which the sanctions are based
 - (1) In determining reasonable expenses, the party or parties to whom payment is to be made shall, at the ALJ's discretion, either make a statement on the record under oath or submit a written Declaration setting forth with specificity the expenses incurred as a result of the other party's conduct.
 - (2) Within 5 Days of the receipt of the ALJ's order for the payment of expenses, a party or representative may, on the ground of hardship, request reconsideration from the ALJ issuing the order. The request for reconsideration shall be filed in writing, pursuant to Regulation 1022, and include a Declaration.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 128.5, Code of Civil Procedure; and Section 11455.30, Government Code.

§ 1042. Agency Request for Costs of Investigation and Prosecution of the CaseCost Recovery

- (a) When an agency requests costs of investigation and prosecution of the case, it shall allege in the pleading a demand for the costs and the authorizing statute or regulation.
- (b) Unless the applicable cost recovery statute provides otherwise, evidence relating to cost recovery shall be submitted in the following manner:
 - (1) Evidence relating to costs shall be submitted by Declaration executed by the agency or its designee.
 - (2) A Declaration in support of costs incurred by the agency for services provided by regular agency employees should include sufficient information by which the ALJ can determine the costs incurred in connection with the matter and the reasonableness of the costs (for example, a general description of tasks performed, the time spent on each task, and the method of calculating the cost for the services).
 - (3) Services provided by other persons shall be supported by a Declaration by that person providing each service which should contain sufficient information by which the ALJ can determine the costs incurred in the matter and the reasonableness of the costs (for example, a general description of the tasks performed, the time spent on each task and the hourly rate or other form of compensation). In lieu of the service provider's Declaration, the agency or its designee may attach to its Declaration copies of time and billing records upon which costs were incurred by the agency.
 - (4) For other costs incurred by the agency, the bill, invoice, or other similar document reflecting the cost incurred by the agency should be attached to the Declaration submitted by the agency or its designee.
 - (5) Where the agency seeks a cost award based on an estimate of actual costs incurred, the Declaration should explain the reason actual cost information is not available.
 - (6) The ALJ may, at his or her discretion, permit any party to present testimony relevant to the imposition and reasonableness of costs.
- (c) At the Hearing, the evidence related to costs shall be presented by the agency before conclusion of its case in chief.
- (d) In the proposed decision the ALJ shall make factual findings and legal conclusions regarding the agency's request for costs. When a cost award is less than the amount requested or is denied altogether, the proposed decision shall state the reasons. When costs are awarded, the proposed decision shall include an order setting forth the amount to be paid.
- (a) An agency shall allege in its pleading any request for costs, citing the applicable cost recovery statute or regulation.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, proof of costs at the Hearing may be made by

 Declarations that contain specific and sufficient facts to support findings regarding actual costs incurred and the reasonableness of the costs, which shall be presented as follows:
 - (1) For services provided by a regular agency employee, the Declaration may be executed by the agency or its designee and shall describe the general tasks performed, the time spent on

- each task and the method of calculating the cost. For other costs, the bill, invoice or similar supporting document shall be attached to the Declaration.
- (2) For services provided by persons who are not agency employees, the Declaration shall be executed by the person providing the service and describe the general tasks performed, the time spent on each task and the hourly rate or other compensation for the service. In lieu of this Declaration, the agency may attach to its Declaration copies of the time and billing records submitted by the service provider.
- (3) When the agency presents an estimate of actual costs incurred, its Declaration shall explain the reason actual cost information is not available.
- (4) The ALJ may permit a party to present testimony relevant to the amount and reasonableness of costs.
- (c) The proposed decision shall include a factual finding and legal conclusion on the request for costs and shall state the reasons for denying a request or awarding less than the amount requested. Any award of costs shall be specified in the order.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 125.3(c), 3753.5(a), 4990.17 and 5107(b), Business and Professions Code; and Sections 11507.6 and 11520(b), Government Code.

§ 1044. Request for Expenses After Default

When a request is made for expenses pursuant to section 11520(b), the <u>requesting</u> party to <u>whom</u> payment is to be made shall submit a Declaration setting forth, with specificity, the expenses incurred as a result of respondent's failure to appear.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Section 11520(b), Government Code.

§ 1046. Briefs; Amicus Briefs

- (a) Where briefing is requested by the ALJ, briefs are subject to page limits, scheduling and other conditions, at the discretion of the ALJ.
- (b) Upon Motion pursuant to Regulation 1022, the ALJ may allow a non-party with an interest in the outcome of the Hearing to file an Amicus brief. In determining whether an Amicus brief should be allowed, the ALJ may consider, among other factors.
 - (1) Due process of law;
 - (2) Whether matters in the Amicus brief will be helpful to the ALJ;
 - (3) The interests of the public and public policy; and
 - (4) The costs to the parties to reply to the Amicus brief.

A non-party with an interest in the outcome of the Hearing may, by Motion, request permission to

file an Amicus brief. The Motion shall show good cause for allowing the brief, giving consideration to the following factors:

- (a) Due process of law;
- (b) Whether matters in the Amicus brief will be helpful to the ALJ;
- (c) The interests of the non-party in the outcome of the Hearing;
- (d) The interests of the public and public policy; and
- (e) The costs to the parties to reply to the Amicus brief.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11500(b) and 11512(b), Government Code.

§ 1048. Technical and Minor Changes to Proposed and Final Decisions

- (a) Any party may make an application to OAH to correct a mistake or clerical error, or make minor or technical changes, in a proposed decision by filing a written request addressed to the Presiding Judge.
 - (1) The application must be signed by the party seeking the correction(s) and identify the correction(s) being sought and the reasons therefor. The application shall be served on all parties, together with a copy of the proposed decision. A copy of the proof of service shall be filed with the application.
 - (2) A party shall have a period of 10 days from the date the application is served to file written opposition. The opposition shall be served on all parties and filed with OAH, with a copy of the proof of service.
 - (3) If opposition is filed, the Presiding Judge may permit oral argument or decide the matter on the papers alone. If the Presiding Judge permits oral argument, at least 5 days notice of the time and place for oral argument shall be given. The Presiding Judge shall decide the matter no later than 5 days after it is submitted.
 - (4) If the application is granted, the Presiding Judge shall prepare, and cause to be served on all parties, a notice and order of correction and/or a corrected proposed decision, which shall identify the correction(s) made.
 - (5) If the application is denied, the Presiding Judge shall cause notice of the denial to be served on all parties.
 - (6) The Presiding Judge will designate the same ALJ who prepared the proposed decision in the case to review and decide the application for correction. If the same ALJ is not reasonably available, the Presiding Judge may designate another ALJ.
- (b) An ALJ who prepares a proposed decision may, on his or her own motion, correct any mistakes or clerical errors or make minor or technical changes in the proposed decision. The ALJ must cause to be served on all parties, a notice and order of correction and/or a corrected proposed decision, each of which shall identify the correction(s) made. Before making any correction

- under this paragraph, an ALJ may, in his or her discretion, provide notice to all parties and an opportunity to be heard.
- (c) The agency itself may make technical or other minor changes to a proposed decision and adopt it as the decision in the case pursuant to Government Code section 11517(c)(2)(C). The agency may obtain an electronic copy of the proposed decision for this purpose upon written request addressed to the Presiding Judge of the OAH office that issued the proposed decision. When OAH provides an electronic copy of the proposed decision to the agency, it does not constitute OAH's approval of any changes the agency proposes.
 - (1) The agency shall provide notice to all parties of corrections made to a proposed decision pursuant to Government Code section 11517(c)(2)(C).
 - (2) The agency shall send a copy of the corrected proposed decision to OAH.
- (d) The agency may correct a clerical error or mistake, or make technical or minor changes, in a proposed decision if all of the parties agree to the correction. The stipulation pursuant to the agreement must be in writing, signed by all parties, and clearly identify the change(s) or correction(s) to be made in the proposed decision. The agency shall send a copy of the correction to OAH.
- (e) OAH may correct a clerical error or mistake, or make technical or minor changes, in a proposed decision if all of the parties agree to the correction. The stipulation pursuant to the agreement must be in writing, signed by all parties, and clearly identify the change(s) or correction(s) to be made in the proposed decision. The stipulation must be filed with the Presiding Judge. If the stipulation is accepted, the Presiding Judge shall prepare, and cause to be served on all parties, a notice and order of correction and/or a corrected proposed decision, each of which shall identify the correction(s) made. If the stipulation is rejected, the Presiding Judge shall cause notice thereof to be served on all parties.
- (f) No change or correction to a proposed decision shall be effective if the agency had already issued a final decision in the matter before the change or correction was made.
- (g) Government Code section 11518.5 governs corrections of mistakes or clerical errors in final decisions issued by an agency after adjudicative proceedings that are subject to the formal hearing provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act in Title 2, Division 3, Part 1, Chapter 5, commencing with Government Code section 11500.
- (h) Final decisions issued by an ALJ in proceedings that are not subject to the formal hearing provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, Division 3, Part 1, Chapter 5, commencing with Government Code section 11500) may be corrected in accordance with the procedures provided in paragraphs (a), (b), and (e).
- (i) In no event may any correction made pursuant to this policy statement result in reconsideration, or change the factual or legal basis, of a proposed or final decision.
- (j) All documents filed or issued with a request to correct a proposed or final decision shall become a part of the record in the case.

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11517(c) and 11518.5, Government Code.

§ 1050. Remand or Reconsideration.

- (a) An agency's referral of a Case to OAH for rehearing or reconsideration pursuant to sections 11517(c)(2)(D) or 11521(b) shall be filed in the OAH regional office that issued the proposed decision. The referral shall be in writing, directed to the Presiding Judge, and shall contain the following:
 - (1) Information as required in Regulation 1018, except for Hearing dates if no Hearing is requested;
 - (2) The name of the ALJ who prepared the proposed decision;
 - (3) A copy of any agency's order or decision for rehearing or reconsideration and the proof of Service of the order or decision on all parties; and
 - (4) The evidence or issues to be considered on rehearing or reconsideration.
- (b) Within 10 days of the referral, the agency shall lodge the record of the Case with OAH, including the transcript, exhibits, and other papers that are part of the record.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Section 11370.5(b), Government Code. Reference: Sections 11517(c)(2)(D) and 11521(b), Government Code.